

Chronic Wasting Disease Regulation Changes Under Consideration

Public Input Summary



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Executive Summary

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a deadly illness in white-tailed deer and other members of the deer family, called cervids. CWD kills all deer and other cervids it infects. The disease has been found in Missouri and is slowly spreading. The Missouri Department of Conservation is working with conservation partners to find cases and limit its spread. CWD remains relatively rare in the state at this time.
- During the month of October 2018, six open houses were conducted to gather public input regarding possible CWD regulation changes. Open houses were held in the following communities: Bolivar, Cape Girardeau, Kirksville, Jefferson City, Perryville and Branson.
- Approximately 117 staff from 9 divisions worked the open houses.
- A total of 244 people attended six open houses providing 45 comments at the event with the others providing their comments online.
- From October 1 - October 31 folks provided an additional 29 comments online.
- Nearly 70% of the respondents had attended one of the CWD open houses.
- Respondents were interested in commenting on all three topics almost equally (carcass movement restriction in Missouri, removal of the carcass importation exception, and the proposed feeding ban)
- 68% or more of respondents agreed that all proposed regulations were reasonable.
- Folks who provided comments were predominately:
 - male
 - between the ages 35-74
 - heard about the proposed regulation changes from the MDC website and the *Missouri Conservationist* magazine
 - were supportive of all three proposed regulations (carcass movement restriction in Missouri, removal of the carcass importation exception, and the proposed feeding ban)
 - considered themselves hunters
- Website information was found at: <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/wildlife-diseases/chronic-wasting-disease-cwd>

Introduction

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a deadly illness in white-tailed deer and other members of the deer family, called cervids. CWD kills all deer and other cervids it infects. The disease has been found in Missouri and is slowly spreading. The Missouri Department of Conservation is working with conservation partners to find cases and limit its spread. CWD remains relatively rare in the state at this time.

Informational meetings were held in October in and around areas with CWD (Bolivar, Cape Girardeau, Kirksville, Jefferson City, Perryville and Branson) to get information and have questions answered about CWD. Topics covered included general information on CWD, MDC's efforts to monitor and manage the disease, proper deer-carcass handling and disposal to help limit the spread of the deadly deer disease, how hunters can Share the Harvest of deer harvested in areas with CWD, MDC's voluntary CWD testing efforts statewide all deer season, MDC's upcoming mandatory CWD sampling for certain counties the opening weekend of firearms deer season, and more.

Resource Science Division proposed three regulation changes for (CWD):

- Carcass Movement within Missouri
 - Restrict movement of whole deer carcasses from high CWD risk areas to the rest of the state. Exceptions: Meat that is boned out or quartered without spinal column or head; hides and antlers (attached to cleaned skulls); and finished taxidermist products. Under consideration: Allow whole carcasses if brought to processor or taxidermists.
- Carcass Importation
 - Remove regulation that allows whole cervid carcasses to be brought into the state if reported within 24 hours and brought to a processor/taxidermist within 72 hours of entry. **This change would not allow whole carcasses of cervids to come into the state.**
- Feeding Ban
 - Remove exception for feed placed within 100 ft of any residence or occupied building from the supplemental feed and mineral ban in the CWD Management Zone. **Only applies to the CWD Management Zone.**

Open Houses

Open House Summary:

During October 2018 six informational meetings were conducted to gather public input regarding the proposed regulations under consideration for CWD, along with a web page to collect additional comments from those who were unable to attend an open house.

The meetings had a formal presentation with questions asked of the biologist after the PowerPoint. When the presentation and questions were completed participants had the opportunity to talk with a variety of staff in an open-house format. The presentation began promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the open house was finished by 8:30 p.m. Participants visited booths focusing on the proposed regulation.

Resource Science Division is proposing three potential regulations to help limit the spread of CWD in Missouri including carcass movement within Missouri, carcass importation and a feed ban in the CWD Management Zone.

A total of 244 people participated in at least one of the six open houses providing 74 comments. Nearly 70% of the respondents had attended at least one of the CWD open houses.

Open houses were held at the following locations:

- October 4 – Southwest Baptist University
Davis-Newport theater in the Goodson Student Union
South Pike Ave in Bolivar
- October 9 – MDC Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
2289 County Park Drive in Cape Girardeau
- October 16 – MDC Northeast Regional Office
3500 S. Baltimore in Kirksville
- October 18 – MDC Runge Conservation Nature Center
330 Commerce Drive in Jefferson City
- October 23 – Perry Park Center in the Theater
800 City park Dr. in Perryville
- October 25 – College of the Ozarks
Silver Dollar City Parlor Meeting Room in the Keeter Center
100 Opportunity Avenue in Point Lookout

Comments were collected online from October 1 - October 31 with 74 people providing comments.

Respondents were interested in commenting on all three topics almost equally (carcass movement restriction in Missouri, removal of the carcass importation exception, and the proposed feeding ban)

- Do you feel the proposed carcass movement restriction within Missouri is reasonable?
 - 73% felt the proposed regulation was reasonable
- Do you feel the proposed removal of the carcass importation exception is reasonable?
 - 68% felt the proposed regulation was reasonable
- Do you feel the proposed feeding ban is reasonable?
 - 71% felt the proposed regulation was reasonable

- Fifty seven percent of the respondents wanted to receive updates regarding CWD

The website information was found at: <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/wildlife-diseases/chronic-wasting-disease-cwd>

Themes and Issues

The comments are directly taken from what the respondents entered online.

Is there anything you like or don't like about the carcass movement within Missouri regulation under consideration?

Support

I believe that this will help slow the spread of CWD in our state.
I support all reasonable efforts to control the spread of CWD and this change is completely reasonable.
I do agree with controlling the movement of deer carcasses.
Hard to test wildlife but I can see why it needs to be done.
I agree.
Support carcass movement regulations. Support unlimited firearm antlerless deer permits. The deer herd has grown to a large damaging level since this rule (limits firearm antlerless deer permits) ceased.
Yes, I am a scientist and your proposed changes are all based on good science and management.
Carcass movement is reasonable, but even though it may be unpopular, it needs to be done.
I agree with the proposed regulation changes
I can see where it will be hard to enforce but very much needed to help stop the CWD spread.
This restriction will affect very few hunters.
CWD must be contained now before it spreads further.

Concerns

The state has no real way regulate this. This feel good proposition. The state allowed the disease to enter the residents of Missouri's deer herd by allowing deer farms to exist.
It won't work. You waited too long to shut down the game farms.
I am not concerned about your rule changes as you are not going to stop the spread of CWD regardless.
No, this could potentially limit me to taxidermists in my county only.
The exception for taking the deer to meat processors and taxidermists is important. Often a hunter like myself will have a favorite processor and would be rather annoyed to change it. This law also could have unfair effects on businesses. It is important that a method to take to a processor of your choice is established.
The "leave the carcass in the county where the deer is harvested" will discourage hunting and/or reporting.
hunters in large cities that hunt in rural areas cannot take their harvest home without boning or processing it?? A lot less hunters that will support conservation!!

Suggestions

Maybe the state should look at banning deer farms as this would be a for real step in disease reduction.
What might make people even more apt to comply with this new rule, is if the MDC supplied carcass disposition stations in each county like they are already doing with the cwd testing stations. This could benefit those especially who opt to process their own deer. I feel like it would contribute that much more in effort to help contain this disease.
<p>*With the difficulty of killing the TSE, deer processors cannot possibly sanitize their equipment to ensure the safety of their customers. Processors should be required to only handle meat that is to be tested and results come back "not detected". The deer should hang in their locker until results come back, same as for Share the Harvest.</p> <p>*If MDC does in fact have a video on YouTube showing lymph node removal, it should make it widely known. The MDC should also host training for people to harvest the nodes themselves. Have them sign a release waiver and then teach them (observe and guide as the hunter pulls the nodes). You could have a station set up for this on the opener of firearms season at the CWD check station.</p> <p>*MDC should give stipends to businesses willing to collect the nodes from hunters, so hunters have more convenient locations to drop off their lymph nodes.</p> <p>*MDC should strongly suggest that hunters transport carcasses until they can be disposed of in a landfill. No hunter is going to bury their carcass in the woods!</p>
Include elk. Even more needs to be done.
Need to build a wall and not let live elk in our state to prevent transferring the disease.
Need to do more to get information out to public
I think the main thing is to have more Local meetings to ensure people realize the impact of CWD and not the false stories by some saying it's a "made up disease"
Should already be in place for the 9 current positive Counties

General Comments

I don't feel there should be any exception for whole deer. A deer could be quartered, and the head removed. The head could be delivered to a taxidermist and the quarters portions to a processor.
I feel it will be hard to track whole carcasses being transported out of the high-risk area.
Great presentation, thank you.
protect the deer herd
science based plan
it sounds like to me that what you are trying to say is the spine and head cannot be transported.
I feel that carcass movement is a major impact but needs to be controlled.
Yes, but I would like to see the testing results processed faster

Is there anything you like or don't like about the carcass importation regulation under consideration?

Support

CWD must be contained now before it spreads further. I believe that this will help slow the spread of CWD in our state.
Again, this is a reasonable change that should be supported by responsible hunters wanting to assist in the spread of CWD.
I agree.
Carcass importation is reasonable, but even though it may be unpopular, it needs to be done.
I am okay with this.
This makes the regulation enforceable
Should have been done years ago!!!!
I agree with the proposed regulation changes
Yes, I am a scientist and your proposed changes are all based on good science and management.
good-science based plan
I have a 4-point deer taken in IL. It has an 18-inch spread. It wasn't legal in MO. I do not support point restrictions. It should be hunters' choice. Otherwise yes on preventing spread.
protect the deer herd

Concerns

Again, no real way to regulate on either side of this proposal.
Why bother?
Again, I don't feel you can effectively enforce current regulation. It needs to be processed before entering the MO border.
Meat processors are already too expensive, and this will only increase that. A big part of hunting is processing the animal you have harvested.
The argument given for this law gives no evidence that there is a problem with out of state deer being brought in. This law would naturally harm Missouri businesses as their customers would be limited to instate. What consideration has been made for these businesses?
NO
While I see the need, I know I also hope someday to go Elk or Mule deer hunting out west and I am very partial to the taxidermy work of Ozark mountain taxidermy in Madison county. I guess I could have the animal caped out in the state it was killed and just bring the cape itself back to be mounted. I would remove everything but the head myself but would have the taxidermist dispose of the remaining parts in the proper way

Suggestions

Provide places for disposal of animal parts!!
Include elk. More needs to be done

Is there anything you like or don't like about the feeding ban regulation under consideration?

Support

I have been hunting white tail deer in south central Missouri for over 30 and have passed that privilege on to my son and daughter. Although I have harvested some nice bucks my joy is being able to enjoy the venison due to the fact that it has added my family with a sustainable food supply during the winter months along with other game animals. I am now concerned that that way of life is becoming threatened due to a population of people whom are too lazy to get out and hunt in what I would consider a traditional manner. Instead they bate the deer year-round with corn. At one time I worked for a feed store and they sold hundreds of thousands of pounds of deer corn. I am avid about preserving our natural resources and am knowledgeable enough to know that feeding wild animals is a sure-fire way to upset the ecosystem. I personally believe that all feeding of our white tail deer population should be stopped.
CWD must be contained now before it spreads further. The deer in most urban areas are accustomed to people and the feed being close to a residence is not a deterrent for gathering in any number. I believe that this will help slow the spread of CWD in our state.
Once again, this is reasonable, and I suspect that most responsible wildlife watchers would support this change because helps to maintain the overall wellbeing of the animals they watch.
I agree.
Support not feeding deer.
Yes, I am a scientist and your proposed changes are all based on good science and management.
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These changes seem like good ideas based on science to protect our deer herd
While I miss being able to do our annual deer survey for our coop area to determine our deer herd, I do think this is necessary and hopefully we can find another way to monitor our deer herd.
I agree with the proposed regulation changes
Adding this exception would help eliminate infected deer. Also, the hunting of deer close to buildings would encourage hunters to clear the deer completely
good--science based plan
protect the deer herd
<p>Mineral and Feed Bans</p> <p>Ban on minerals and feed in area with no CWD positive when other source of spread has not been resolved is ridiculous, but for counties with CWD positive I am all for it. But if it really that big of concern for the MDC, then ban statewide stop picking at the scab.</p> <p>Article being pass around and presented at the meetings that prions being found at Mineral Locations sites are spreading disease by concentrating deer is not telling the whole story the 9 out of 12 positive at mineral sites and the 11 out of 12 positive at the mineral sites after a rain (is in an area with over 30% prevalence in the population). That is never said out loud!!!</p> <p>At this point Prions in the environment The CWD prions be found at multiple environment</p>

sources since deer are constantly shedding prions once infected. The environment become for lack of better word toxic?

So, you could get the same results doing the same test in food plots, watering holes, scrapes, gut piles, carcasses, under preferred oak trees, bean fields, corn fields, clay-based soils field edges in front of a game camera, etc. etc.

Early stages of infection direct animal to animal is the primary source of transmission is what we are being told to us. By the time that indirect transmission via prions in the environment LIKE MINERAL LICKS become a significant issue the disease is well established in the population. The tipping point from published literature seems to be 20-30% prevalence which would put CWD over a large geographic area. Missouri not even at 2-4% in our small core areas in Missouri.

Concerns

Mineral and feeding sites are not a long-term solution to helping get rid of CWD. You are making people into criminals and will be issuing tickets. Banning the sites for the long term will not contribute to the solution...maybe 3-5 years but not 20-30 years.

Too late.

It dictates what I can and can't do on my own property. Not just during a hunting season, but no year-round! That's unacceptable to me. Is MDC going to start telling me when I can and can't brush hog my pastures? Which trees I can and can't harvest for timber? MDC needs to focus on their own public hunting areas and stop sticking their bureaucratic noses in the affairs of private property owners.

It limits those that hunt very small properties the opportunity to draw animals into and potentially hold those deer on said small properties. I've hunted a 10-acre property for the past 10 years. Prior to feeding and placement of supplemental minerals deer would occasionally cross through this plot. However, over the past few years with feeding and mineral spots deer would often return to this small property and spend more time in this area. Food plot in this area is not feasible based on locate and terrain. So, the ban will have a tremendous effect on those that hunt and only have access to small plots of land.

Deer are social animals at least part of the year. They herd up winter time and feed on the same plant or bush. No different than feed placed for them!!

Where I currently hunt at is a CWD county located only a few miles from a non-CWD county. My concern is that deer I am hunting will move to neighboring properties (in non-CWD) county because they can find feeders and mineral attractants there. This creates a hunting disadvantage for myself vs. a neighbor who hunts the same deer herd. It also doesn't eliminate the main concern of disease spreading because the same deer that I cannot feed can still be brought in to "unnatural concentrations" and "increase deer to deer contact

What does the state propose to do with all the crop fields in the state? It's not uncommon to see 20, 30, or even more deer feeding in agricultural fields all across the state day after day week after week.

Farmers spill more feed than anyone and that seems acceptable to hunt over per MDC, but I can't feed at my house. How is this fair? Why does spillage from farmers not present the same problem as feeding?

Exclusions must be equal to or greater need than the regulation. To allow any feeding of deer creates doubt in the regulation. It also potentially nullified efforts.

No

Suggestions

I would suggest/prefer a statewide ban OR more specific boundaries for what defines a CWD area. Do whole counties need to be considered CWD areas if detected cases are isolated? If so, I believe a statewide feed ban would be more necessary to eliminate disease spreading and provide consistency/fairness to hunters across the state.

I would like it expanded to all areas not just where cwd is prevalent. Feeding wildlife is not a good idea even in rural Missouri. It draws wildlife into residential areas and dependent on feeding source. The deer are no longer keeping their distance in our neighborhood if 12 homes. They come up to my front porch and eat even porch plants, sleep in flower beds etc.

Forget the 100' ban. Just ban the feeding of corn for all wildlife. Do this statewide and maybe Wal Mart will stop selling "Deer Corn" during the hunting season.

The feeding ban is reasonable but needs to be expanded to statewide.

Additional Comment

I find it interesting that CWD seemed to become an issue in Missouri and Arkansas about the same time that elk were reintroduced by the Conservation Department.... however, I'm not educated in field, just recognizing coincidences.

Questionnaire Results

74 respondents completed the *CWD Comments* survey

(https://moconservation.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0xHcstqzHhT9OYt)

Did you attend one of the CWD open houses?		
Answer	%	Count
Yes	68%	50
No	32%	24
Total	100%	74

Gender		
Answer	%	Count
Male	91%	63
Female	9%	6
Total	100%	69

Age		
Answer	%	Count
Under 19	6%	4
20 to 34	11%	8
35 to 54	38%	27
55 to 74	39%	28
75 and older	6%	4
Total	100%	71

Do you consider yourself a hunter?		
Answer	%	Count
Yes	96%	65
No	4%	3
Total	100%	68

What would you like to comment on? Choose all that apply.		
Answer	%	Count
Carcass movement within Missouri	34%	63
Carcass importation	31%	58
Feeding ban	35%	64

How did you hear about the proposed chronic wasting disease changes?		
Answer	%	Count
Newspaper	14%	17
Radio	4%	5
Conservationist Magazine	17%	20
MDC website	18%	21
Social media	12%	14
Other website	2%	2
MDC employee	14%	16
Friend or neighbor	8%	9
Other	11%	13

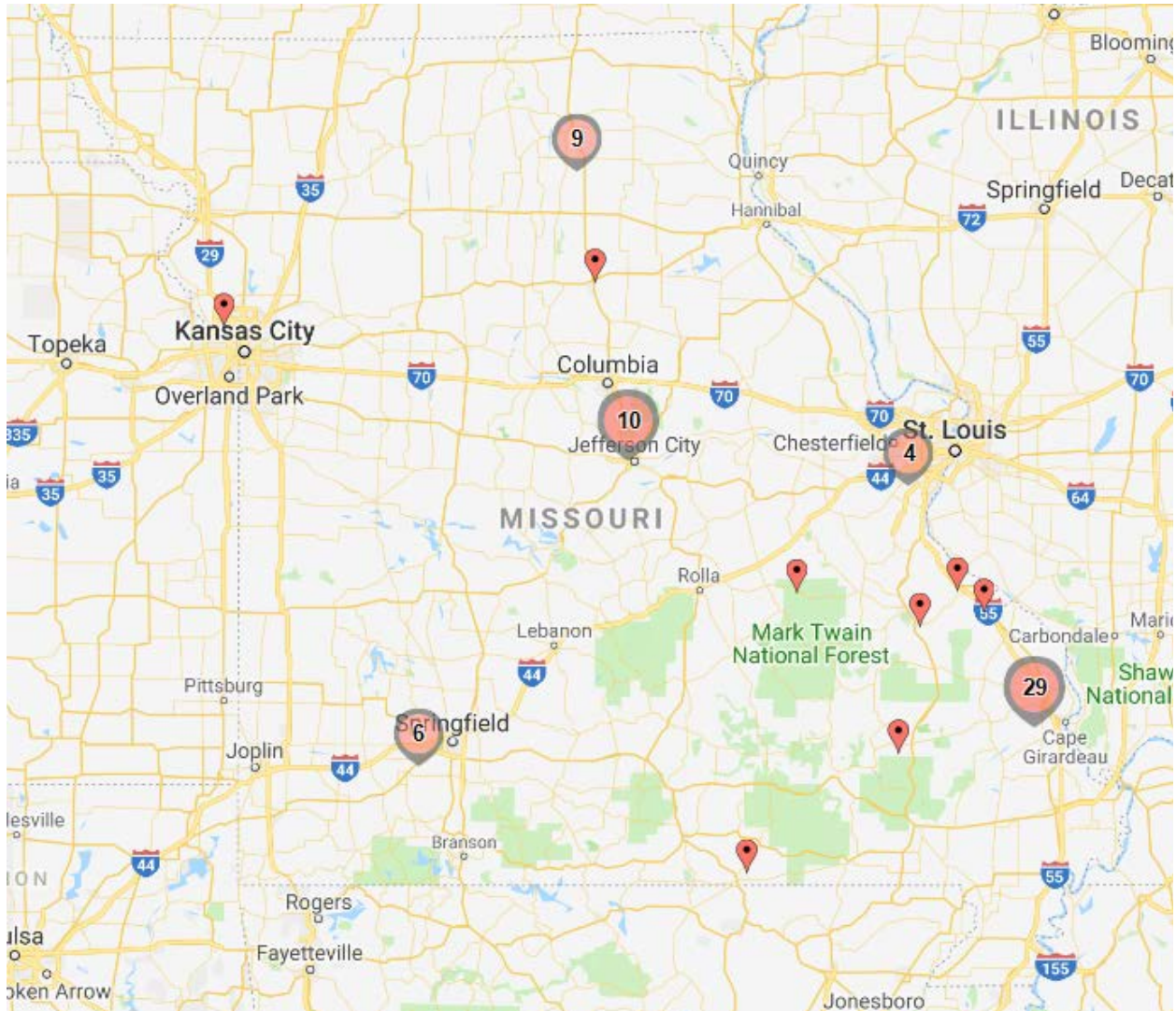
Do you feel the proposed carcass movement restriction within Missouri is reasonable?		
Answer	%	Count
Yes	73%	43
No	10%	6
Unsure	17%	10

Do you feel the proposed removal of the carcass importation exception is reasonable?		
Answer	%	Count
Yes	68%	39
No	16%	9
Unsure	16%	9

Do you feel that the proposed feeding ban is reasonable?		
Answer	%	Count
Yes	71%	42
No	14%	8
Unsure	15%	9

Map of Respondents

The pinpoints below represent the geographic center of city boundaries from which a public comment was received (they do not represent actual street addresses). Shaded circles with numbers in them represent multiple responses from a region. Mapped using <http://batchgeo.com/>.



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Carcass Importation

Remove regulation that allows whole cervid carcasses to be brought into the state if reported within 24 hours and brought to a processor or taxidermist within 72 hours of entry. **This change would not allow whole carcasses of cervids to come into the state.**

Feeding Ban

Remove exception for feed placed within 100 ft of any residence or occupied building from the supplemental feed and mineral ban in the CWD Management Zone. **Only applies to the CWD Management Zone.**

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Be informed and get involved. Learn more and share comments at mdc.mo.gov/cwd-comments or send your comments to Missouri Department of Conservation, Attention: Michele Baumer, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102; Email: Michele.Baumer@mdc.mo.gov

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About You

Your Name: _____

Your City: _____ Your ZIP Code: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Age: ☐ Under 19 ☐ 20 to 34 ☐ 35 to 54 ☐ 55 to 74 ☐ 75 and older

Do you consider yourself a hunter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about the proposed CWD changes?

☐ Newspaper ☐ Radio ☐ *Conservationist* Magazine ☐ MDC website ☐ Social media
☐ Other website ☐ MDC employee ☐ Friend or neighbor ☐ Other

Comment Do you feel that the proposed CWD changes are reasonable? If no, why not?

** Please provide additional comments on back.*

Stay in Touch

☐ Yes, email me with news about MDC's CWD efforts.

Your Email: _____

Be informed and get involved. Learn more and share comments at

mdc.mo.gov/cwd-comments or send your comments to

Missouri Department of Conservation,

Attention: Michele Baumer,

PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102; Email: Michele.Baumer@mdc.mo.gov



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CWD: Info to Know for the 2018–2019 Deer Season



Missouri Department of Conservation is testing deer for **chronic wasting disease (CWD)** during the 2018–2019 deer season in an effort to limit the spread of the deadly disease in Missouri.

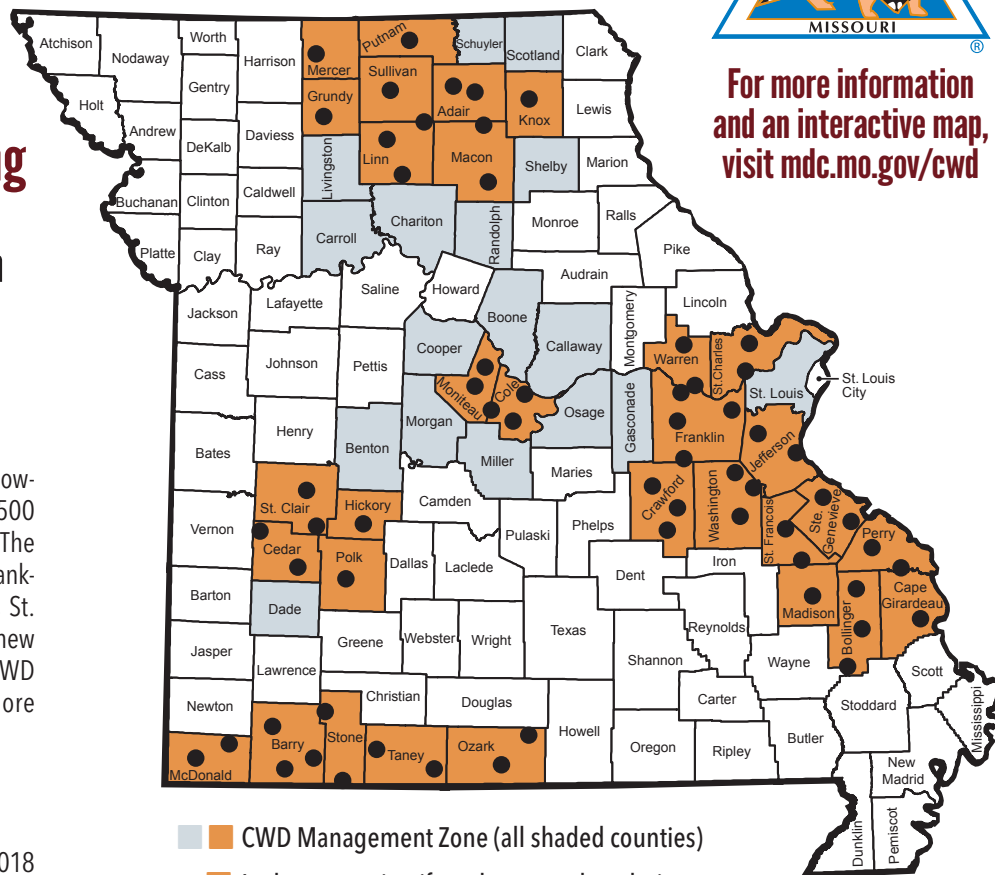
MDC confirmed 33 new cases of CWD following the sampling and testing of nearly 24,500 free-ranging Missouri deer last season. The new cases were found in Adair, Cedar, Franklin, Jefferson, Linn, Macon, Perry, Polk, St. Clair, and Ste. Genevieve counties. These new cases bring the total positive cases of CWD among free-ranging deer to 75. For more information, visit mdc.mo.gov/cwd.

New Counties Added to CWD Management Zone

Based on the findings from the 2017–2018 season, MDC has added seven new counties to its CWD Management Zone: **Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Grundy, Madison, McDonald, Mercer, and Perry.**

These seven new counties join 41 existing counties in MDC's CWD Management Zone. The zone consists of counties in or near where cases of the disease have been found. Mercer County was added because of the proximity of a CWD-positive deer found in southern Iowa. McDonald County was added because of CWD detection in northwest Arkansas.

The 48 counties are: Adair, Barry, Benton, Bollinger, Boone, Callaway, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dade, Franklin, Gasconade, Grundy, Hickory, Jefferson, Knox, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Madison, McDonald, Mercer, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Ozark, Perry, Polk, Putnam, Randolph, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Warren, and Washington.



MDC has increased the availability of antlerless permits and expanded the firearms antlerless portion in the seven new counties to help stabilize deer numbers in these counties and limit the spread of the disease. MDC has also removed the antler-point restriction for Grundy and Mercer counties, which are now included in the zone.

Help Limit the Spread

To help reduce the risks of spreading CWD, MDC encourages hunters to dispose of carcass parts by leaving or burying them on the immediate area where the deer was harvested and field dressed, or by bagging carcass parts and placing them in trash containers destined for a landfill.

New Counties Added to Feeding Ban Restricted Area

The seven counties added to the CWD Management Zone are also included in MDC's ban on feeding deer and providing mineral supplements, effective July 1. Supplemental feed and minerals can increase deer-to-deer contact, which can spread CWD.

According to the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*, the placement of grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable natural and manufactured products used to attract deer is prohibited year-round within counties in the CWD Management Zone. Exceptions include feed placed within 100 feet of any residence or occupied building, feed placed in such a manner to reasonably exclude access by deer, and feed and minerals present solely as a result of normal agricultural or forest management, or crop and wildlife food production practices.

The feeding ban does not apply to wildlife food plots or other agricultural practices.

Mandatory CWD Sampling November 10 and 11

MDC will require hunters who harvest deer in 31 counties of the CWD Management Zone during opening weekend of firearms deer season, Nov. 10 and 11, to present their deer — or the head with at least 6 inches of neck attached — at one of 61 CWD sampling stations throughout the counties.

The 31 counties include those where CWD has previously been detected, those within approximately 5 miles of a positive, select counties along the Missouri-Arkansas border near where cases of CWD have been found in Arkansas, and the seven counties added to the CWD Management Zone.

The 31 counties for mandatory sampling are: **Adair, Barry, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Cedar, Cole, Crawford, Franklin, Grundy, Hickory, Jefferson, Knox, Linn, Macon, Madison, McDonald, Mercer, Moniteau, Ozark, Perry, Polk, Putnam, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Warren, and Washington.**

MDC asks hunters to field dress and Telecheck their deer before taking them to a CWD sampling station.

Hunters can get test results for their CWD-sampled deer about four weeks after sampling online at mdc.mo.gov/CWDTestResults.

For more information, visit mdc.mo.gov/cwd and look for *Mandatory Sampling*. Information is also available in the *2018 Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information* booklet, available where permits are sold.

Voluntary CWD Sampling All Season

MDC is offering voluntary CWD sampling of deer harvested anywhere in the state during the entire deer season — Sept. 15 through Jan. 15, 2019. For more information on MDC's voluntary sampling efforts, including locations, visit mdc.mo.gov/cwd, *Voluntary Sampling*.

MDC asks hunters to field dress and Telecheck their deer before taking them to a CWD sampling station.

Hunters can get test results for their CWD-sampled deer about four weeks after sampling online at mdc.mo.gov/CWDTestResults.

Share the Harvest

Deer donated to Share the Harvest must be tested for CWD if harvested from any of the 11 counties where CWD has been found. These deer can only be donated through approved processors in or near any of the 11 counties that are participating in the Share the Harvest CWD Testing Program. The 11 counties are: **Adair, Cedar, Cole, Franklin, Jefferson, Linn, Macon, Perry, Polk, St. Clair, and Ste. Genevieve.**

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Additional Efforts

MDC will again contact landowners of 5 acres or more in areas very near to where multiple infected deer have been found to offer no-cost CWD Management Seals to further reduce deer numbers and help limit the spread of the disease.

MDC will also work with landowners on a voluntary basis to remove potentially infected deer in immediate areas where CWD has been found through postseason targeted culling.



Summary of Chronic Wasting Disease Changes Under Consideration

Carcass Movement Within Missouri

Restrict movement of whole deer carcasses from high CWD risk areas to the rest of the state. Exceptions: Meat that is boned out or quartered without spinal column or head; hides and antlers (attached to cleaned skulls); and finished taxidermist products. Under consideration: Allow whole carcasses if brought to processors or taxidermists.

Carcass Importation

Remove regulation that allows whole cervid carcasses to be brought into the state if reported within 24 hours and brought to a processor or taxidermist within 72 hours of entry. **This change would not allow whole carcasses of cervids to come into the state.**

Feeding Ban

Remove exception for feed placed within 100 ft of any residence or occupied building from the supplemental feed and mineral ban in the CWD Management Zone. **Only applies to the CWD Management Zone.**

Be informed and get involved. Learn more and share comments at mdc.mo.gov/cwd-comments or send your comments to Missouri Department of Conservation, Attention: Michele Baumer, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102; Email: Michele.Baumer@mdc.mo.gov



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Deer Carcasses Can Spread CWD

Properly dispose of carcasses to prevent spreading disease

PLACE IN TRASH or LANDFILL: The best way to prevent the spread of CWD is to place carcass remains in trash bags and dispose of them through trash collection or a permitted landfill.

BURY ON SITE: If you can't bag and place in trash or a permitted landfill, bury carcass remains at or near where the deer was harvested. Bury deep enough to prevent access by scavengers.

LEAVE ON SITE: As a last resort, leave carcass remains onsite.

MOVING CARCASSES: Carcasses and remains moved from where harvested should not be dumped or left exposed. Place in trash bags and dispose through trash collection or a landfill. Bury only as a last resort. If using a taxidermist or meat processor, choose a business that disposes of deer remains at a properly permitted landfill.

DO NOT PLACE IN WATER: It is illegal to dispose of carcasses or remains in streams, ponds, or other bodies of water.

DO NOT BURN: Only commercial incinerators reaching over 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit can generate enough heat for long enough to destroy prions that cause CWD.

Learn more about CWD at mdc.mo.gov/CWD.



General CWD recommendations for hunters:

- Do not handle or consume any deer that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick.
- Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing your deer.
- Bone out the meat from your deer. Don't saw through bone, and avoid cutting through the brain or spinal cord (backbone).
- Do not use household knives or other kitchen utensils for field dressing.
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- Avoid consuming brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes of harvested animals.
- In areas where CWD is known to be present, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends hunters strongly consider having their harvested deer tested before eating the meat.
- If the deer tests positive for CWD, do not eat the meat from that animal, and do not eat meat from deer that look sick or are found dead.
- If you have your deer commercially processed, request that your deer is processed individually, without meat from other animals being added to meat from your deer.

Other Locations				
County	Business Name	Street	City	Phone Number
Scotland	Show-Me Wildlife Taxidermy Studio LLC	19599 Co. Rd. 467	Arbela	660-341-0058
Scotland	Pj Trading Post	26077 Cleveland St.	Gorin	660-282-3486
Scotland	Brassfield's Taxidermy	1016 Milor St.	Memphis	660-465-7754
St. Clair	Gallinipper Creek Taxidermy	1360 NE. Hwy. D	Lowry City	660-492-0715
St. Francois	Ken Horton Taxidermy	315 9th St.	Park Hills	573-631-4516
St. Francois	Oder's Taxidermy	1009 E Chestnut St.	Desloge	573-431-4148
St. Louis	Tucker Bro. Taxidermy	9417 Page Ave.	St. Louis	314-423-8980
Ste. Genevieve	Nature's Gallery Taxidermy	10601 Sunkist Ln.	Ste. Genevieve	573-561-4047
Ste. Genevieve	Saline Valley Taxidermy	22481 State Rte. N	Saint Mary	573-880-3065
Stone	Pete Dickenson Taxidermy	20646 Old Hwy. 160	Reeds Spring	417-527-0695
Taney	Real Trophies Taxidermy	414 S. Fork	Branson	417-544-0870
Washington	Pruitt Mountain Taxidermy	10141 Bobs Ln.	Caledonia	573-210-3360

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hunters can also have harvested deer tested for CWD by contacting the State-Federal Cooperative Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Springfield at 417-895-6861, or the University of Missouri Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Laboratory in Columbia at 573-882-6811. There are fees for CWD testing at these facilities.



Voluntary Sampling



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VOLUNTARY SAMPLING SEPTEMBER 15 TO JANUARY 15

Hunters who harvest deer anywhere in Missouri throughout the entire deer hunting season — Sept. 15 through Jan. 15, 2019 — can have their harvested deer sampled for free CWD testing at select MDC offices around the state and through participating taxidermists and meat processors located in the CWD Management Zone. Sampling is voluntary.

- **Field dress and Telecheck deer before taking them for sampling.**
- **Bring entire deer, or head with about 6 inches of neck in place.**
- **Heads that have the cape removed for taxidermy can be sampled.**
- **Get free test results online at mdc.mo.gov/CWDTestResults.**



MDC OFFICES

Voluntary CWD sampling is available at these MDC offices during normal business hours.
Available dates and hours vary by location. Call in advance.

MDC Locations				
County	Location	Address	City	Phone
Adair	Northeast Regional Office	3500 S. Baltimore St.	Kirksville	660-785-2420
Boone	Central Regional Office and Conservation Research Center	3500 E. Gans Rd.	Columbia	573-815-7900
Buchanan	Northwest Regional Office	701 James McCarthy Dr.	St. Joseph	816-271-3100
Cape Girardeau	Southeast Regional Office	2302 County Park Dr.	Cape Girardeau	573-290-5730
Cole	Conservation Headquarters	2901 W. Truman Blvd.	Jefferson City	573-751-4115
Greene	Southwest Regional Office	2630 N. Mayfair	Springfield	417-895-6880
Howell	Ozark Regional Office	551 Joe Jones Blvd.	West Plains	417-256-7161
Jackson	Kansas City Regional Office	12405 S.E. Ranson Rd.	Lees Summit	816-622-0900
Livingston	Chillicothe Office	15368 LIV 2386	Chillicothe	660-646-6122
St. Charles	St. Louis Regional Office	2360 Hwy. D	St. Charles	636-441-4554
St. Clair	El Dorado Springs Office	1109 S. Main St.	El Dorado Springs	417-876-5226

PARTICIPATING TAXIDERMISTS AND MEAT PROCESSORS

Voluntary CWD sampling is available at these participating taxidermists and meat processors.
Available dates and hours vary by location. Call in advance.

Other Locations				
County	Business Name	Street	City	Phone Number
Adair	Rick’s Taxidermy	1405 Fairview Dr.	Kirksville	660-627-7009
Barry	Reflections Taxidermy	5045 Farm Rd. 2030	Monett	417-235-8848
Barry	Scott’s Taxidermy	5270 Farm Rd. 2190	Exeter	417-835-2053
Benton	Rifles And Reels Taxidermy LLC	29919 State Hwy. UU	Warsaw	660-223-3939
Bollinger	Joseph G. Horrell	Rr 2 Box 1090	Marble Hill	573-238-2426
Boone	Sho Me Taxidermy	14650 N. Route J	Harrisburg	573-338-2005
Boone	Columbia Taxidermy Studio	4815 E. St Charles Rd.	Columbia	573-474-6058
Callaway	Jordan Taxidermy	9411 State Rd. BB	New Bloomfield	573-295-4418
Callaway	Woodland Wonders Taxidermy	1446 Jade Rd. #A	Columbia	573-474-2226
Cape Girardeau	Showcase Taxidermy Studio	6830 State Hwy. 74	Cape Girardeau	573-986-1156
Carroll	Brooke’s Taxidermy	204 S. Pine St.	Norborne	660-594-3636
Cedar	Sharp’s Taxidermy Studio	3050 E. 1974 Rd.	Jerico Springs	417-955-0069
Cedar	Cedar Creek Wildlife Arts	13295 S. 825 Rd.	Stockton	417-955-2012
Cole	Kaiser’s Taxidermy	6601 Bode Ferry Rd.	Jefferson City	573-301-2308

Other Locations				
County	Business Name	Street	City	Phone Number
Cole	Full Draw Taxidermy	5322 Red Mule Ln.	Henley	573-619-1907
Cooper	Brenda Harriman	15150 Hwy. 135	Pilot Grove	660-815-1487
Cooper	Gary Sharp Taxidermy	17882 Christa Ln.	Boonville	660-882-6793
Crawford	T&T Taxidermy	169 Hobo Rd.	Davisville	573-743-6751
Crawford	Meremac Valley Taxidermy	1211 Saranac Springs Rd.	Leasburg	573-245-6579
Dade	Charles Myers	209 Jefferson St.	Greenfield	417-637-2467
Franklin	Koch Taxidermy	2019 Hwy. H	Sullivan	573-259-8503
Franklin	Kantor’s Taxidermy	511 Twin View	Villa Ridge	636-742-3095
Gasconade	Grellner Taxidermy LLC	1745 Bem Church Rd.	Owensville	573-694-2287
Greene	Matthew’s Wildlife Art Taxidermy	9880 N. Cedar Ln.	Fair Grove	417-838-3900
Hickory	4G Taxidermy	19785 Cr 191	Flemmington	417-770-8195
Hickory	Tanning Unlimited Lakeside Taxidermy	26089 Cr 250 Loop	Hermitage	417-745-6374
Jefferson	Dittmer Meat Packing, Inc.	9145 Ridge Rd.	Dittmer	636-285-9090
Jefferson	R K Taxidermy	1976 Catlin Dr.	Barnhart	314-620-6095
Jefferson	Belmar’s Taxidermy	722 Jeffco Blvd.	Arnold	314-706-2090
Jefferson	One Shot Taxidermy	8529 State Rd. WW	Dittmer	636-274-3861
Jefferson	Bilbrey Studio Taxidermy	7878 S. Engle Creek	Barnhart	636-475-9391
Knox	Countryside Taxidermy	57688 State Hwy. T	Knox City	314-704-1507
Knox	Wilson’s Taxidermy	45341 State Hwy. C	Baring	660-341-5672
Linn	Mike’s Taxidermy	808 E. Hauser St.	Marceline	660-591-5072
Macon	Misty Morning Taxidermy	508 N. East St.	La Plata	573-338-5259
Macon	Cutting Edge Taxidermy	215a N. Rollins St.	Macon	660-414-5287
Macon	Sugar Creek Taxidermy	39772 Hwy. C	Excello	660- 651-9229
Macon	Pettig’s Taxidermy	29982 Laser St.	Excello	660-651-5220
Madison	Ozark Mountain Taxidermy	1515 Hwy. C	Fredericktown	573-783-4718
McDonald	Painted Dreams Farm Taxidermy	3099 Goff Ridge Rd.	Pineville	417-435-2025
Mercer	Shaun Stockman	1009 E. Park St.	Princeton	660-953-1023
Miller	Stacks Taxidermy	104 E. 4th St.	Eldon	573-392-8557
Moniteau	Schlup’s Cedar Ridge Taxidermy	32959 Hwy. K	California	573-796-4824
Moniteau	Oak Grove Taxidermy	58585 Oak Grove Rd.	California	573-338-0179
Morgan	Mccoin’s Taxidermy	3003 Adobe Rd.	Stover	660-342-0916
Osage	Russell’s Custom Processing, LLC	581 Hwy. DD	Loose Creek	573-897-4333
Osage	B&C Processing	47 Riley Ln.	Linn	573-897-0536
Osage	Image Taxidermy Studio	3785 Hwy. U	Linn	573-897-2819
Ozark	Mckinzie Taxidermy	601 Cr 518	Gainsville	870-321-0379
Perry	Stonie’s Sausage Shop	1507 Edgemont Blvd.	Perryville	573-547-2540
Perry	Take This Job And Stuff It Taxidermy	834 Hwy. O	Perryville	573-547-1541
Randolph	Mid-Missouri Taxidermy	2073 Hwy. EE	Moberly	660-263-7306

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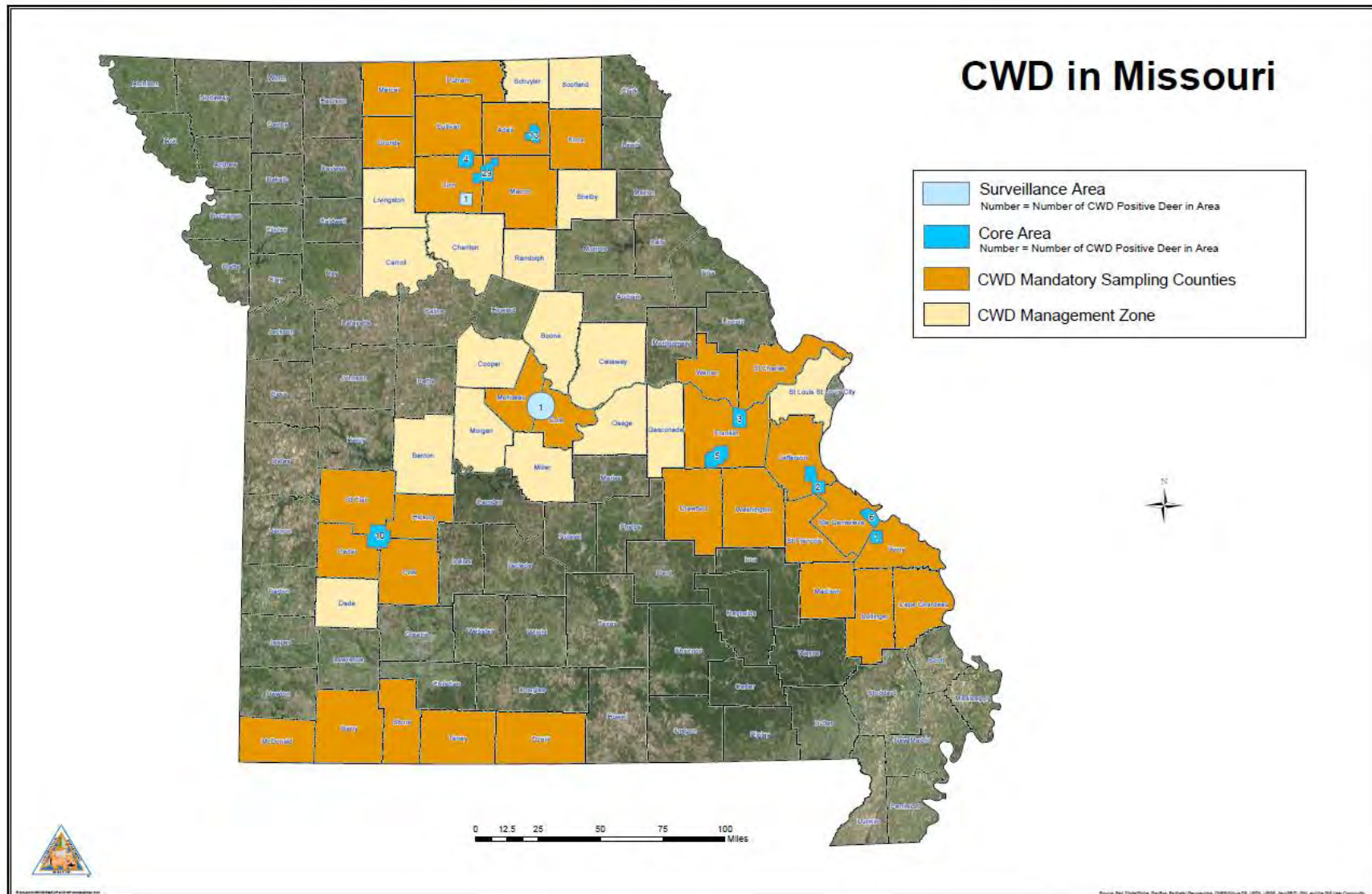
Hunters wishing to donate their deer from CWD-positive counties to Share the Harvest and preserve the cape of their deer for taxidermy are reminded that deer with the head removed are not eligible for donation unless a sample was collected and a sample number is provided.

County	Company Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Phone
Adair	The Butcher Block	25964 U.S. Highway 63	Kirksville	63501	660-341-9444
Boone	Tune's Locker Plant	114 W. Sneed	Centralia	65240	573-682-2517
Dade	Lockwood Packing Co.	511 W. 6th Street	Lockwood	65682	417-232-4401
Dallas	Hoerman's Meat Co.	690 Red Top Road	Fair Grove	65648	417-759-2027
Dallas	Shrocks Country Butchering	25 Wildlife Road	Buffalo	65622	417-345-4342
Franklin	Beaufort Meat Processing	5234 Highway 185	Leslie	63056	573-484-3312
Franklin	Williams Bros. Meat Processing	607 W. 5th Street	Washington	63090	636-239-2183
Greene	J & L Custom Processing	251 S. Maple, P.O. Box 51	Walnut Grove	65570	417-788-2200
Henry	Hetherington Meat Processor	803 N. Highway N	Clinton	64735	660-885-4409
Hickory	Hays Processing	13663 Highway 83	Quincy	65735	417-282-5853
Jefferson	Dittmer Meat Packing Inc.	9145 Ridge Road	Dittmer	63023	636-285-9090
Jefferson	John's Butcher Shoppe Inc	503 N. Mill Street	Festus	63028	636-931-7776
Linn	King Processing Co.	33181 Highway WW	Marceline	64658	660-376-2640
Linn	Meadville Locker	101 E. Gentry	Meadville	64659	660-938-4318
Linn	Purdin Processing	100 C Street	Purdin	64674	660-244-3888
Linn	Sprague's Locker	700 Brookfield Ave., Box 97	Brookfield	64628	660-258-5148
Osage	B and C Processing	47 Riley Lane	Linn	65051	573-897-0536
Osage	Russell's Custom Processing	581 Highway DD	Loose Creek	65054	573-897-4333
Perry	Stonie's Sausage Shop	1507 Edgemont Blvd.	Perryville	63775	573-547-2540
Ste. Genevieve	Bloomsdale Meat Processing	130 Mill Hill Road	Bloomsdale	63627	573-483-9555

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